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B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"Is it in the interest of the people that the Government should prefer a private body to the municipality?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"My friend, who is a lawyer, ought to know what the provisions of the Electricity Act are. The municipality can get it only after the licence is revoked. And the Government have no right to compel the licensee to transfer the licence to the municipality."

(For further list of starred questions, please see page 777 infra.)

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Local Self-Government.

Assessment of scavenging tax on the Madura Mills Company by the Tuticorin Municipal Council.

858 *Q.*—Mr. W. K. M. LANGLEY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Local Self-Government Department issued G.O. Ms. No. 132, L. & M., dated 6th January 1934, asking the Municipal Council to reconsider its decision in the matter of the assessment of scavenging tax of the Tuticorin Municipal Council on the Madura Mills Company;

(*b*) whether notwithstanding this Government Order, the Municipal Council at its meeting on 9th February 1934, insisted on a continuance of the scavenging tax; and

(*c*) what further action the Government propose to take in the matter; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to effect an amendment of the District Municipalities Act in order to render section 83 (4) mandatory?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Manager, Madura Mills Company, Ltd., Tuticorin, brought the fact to the notice of the Government.

(*c*) The Government do not propose to take any further action in the matter.

(*d*) No.

Electricity.

Purchase of posts and insulators for the Pykara Hydro-Electric Scheme.

859 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of posts for the line purchased locally during the year 1933–34 for the Pykara Hydro-Electric Scheme;

(*b*) whether they are made of Indian materials or whether they are imported;

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(c) whether attempts have been made to get these locally or in any Indian manufacturing firms; and

(d) whether insulators made in India are now available?

A.—(a) About 2,400.

(b) All the poles are imported ones excepting about 145 which are second hand rails and presumably of Indian make.

(c) There is no Indian firm manufacturing suitable steel tubular poles.

(d) Only L.T. insulators of Indian make are available and these are being used.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Qualifications of the Lecturer in Kanarese, Ceded Districts College, Anantapur.

*860 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that no proper arrangements are made in the Ceded Districts College for tuition in Kanarese as main group or subsidiary group;

(b) what the qualifications are of the lecturer appointed to teach Kanarese translation in the said College;

(c) whether the mother-tongue of the said lecturer is Kanarese; and

(d) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) This is not the case; adequate provision exists for teaching Kanarese under Part II of both the Intermediate and the B.A. courses.

(b) He is an M.A. of the Madras University, in Telugu and Kanarese.

(c) His mother-tongue is Telugu.

(d) No action is contemplated.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know if the lecturer is a graduate in Kanarese?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"It is said in the answer that he is an M.A. in Telugu and Kanarese."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"My question is whether he is B.A. in Kanarese? May I ask whether Kanarese was his principal language for his M.A.?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"It appears that Telugu was his principal language."